

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

I. Summary of the Amendment

By the current Amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Amend claims 1 and 10.
2. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

II. The Examiner Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Peren for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the August 24 personal interview. During the personal interview, it was agreed that the references of record do not disclose or suggest an electronic apparatus having a display control means that displays notifying information indicating the degree to which conditions remain to be set, wherein the notifying information includes the number of conditions which have not yet been set, and wherein a numeral indicating the number of conditions which have not yet been set is displayed in a dedicated display field of the display control means.

III. Prior Art Rejections

The Office Action reject claims 1 and 5-9 under 35 USC §103(a) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0026290 to Machida et al. (hereinafter "Machida") in view of US Patent No. 4,944,031 to Yoshino et al. (hereinafter "Yoshino"). The Office Action further rejects claims 10-15 under 35 USC §103(a) over Machida. For the reasons explained below, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended to recite a display control means for displaying notifying information indicating to what degree conditions remain to be set, wherein the notifying information includes the number of conditions which have not yet been set, the number of conditions corresponding to input buttons for setting conditions, and wherein a numeral indicating the number of conditions which have not yet been set is displayed in a dedicated display field of the display control means. As agreed during the personal interview, the references of record do not disclose or suggest this feature. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 10 are allowable. Claims 5-9 depend from claim 1 and claims 11-15 depend from claim 10. The dependent claims are allowable for the same reasons, and for the additional features they recite. In view of all of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,
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